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FOR UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND ARA/ECA

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SAO PAULO SEMINAR

REF: TELECON RUSER/MYLES

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF TELECON, CONSULATE GENERAL SAO PAULO CALLED PLANNING SECRETARY WILHELM TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE INVITATION TO UNDER SECRETARY COOPER TO ADDRESS THE OCTOBER 2-6 SEMINAR ON WORLD INERDEPENDENCE. THE SEMINAR WILL BE CLOSED AND WILL CONSIST OF APPROXIMATELY 120 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ACADEMIS, AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. THE ORGANIZERS HOPE THAT FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN WOULD OPEN THE SEMINAR. OTHER GOB PARTICIPANTS WOULD INCLUDE FERNAO BRACHER (HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL BANK), SAO PAULO PLANNING SECRETARY WILHELM, AND PERHAPS PLANNING MINISTER REIS VELLOSO. ALSO INVITED ARE 12-15 INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ECONOMISTS (WASSILY LEONTIEFF, JAN TINBERGEN, WERNER BAER) AND SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN BRAZILIAN ECONOMISTS (PASTORE, LANGONI). THE EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER MINISTER SIMONSEN WILL IN FACT ATTEND. ACCORDING TO WILHELM, THE INVITATION TO UNDER SECRETARY COOPER WAS EXTENDED AT SIMONSEN'S SUGGESTION.

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2. THE SEMINAR IS NOT OFFICIALLY SPONSERED AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AN ACADEMIC STYLE. THE LECTURER WILL PRESENT A PAPER AND 4-6 PANELISTS WILL DISCUSS THE PRESENTATION. THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT REBUTTAL BY THE LECTURER. WITH THE FLOOR THEN OPENED TO QUESTIONS. FORMAL ACADEMIC SEMINARS ARE NOT UNUSUAL FORUMS FOR THE PRESENTATION AND DEFENSE OF GOVERNMENT POLICY BY

SENIOR BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS.

3. RECOMMENDATION: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR UNDER SECRETARY COOPER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FORUM PROVIDED WE CAN CONFIRM THAT OTHER SENIOR PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING SOME BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ATTEND. WE HAVE ALSO SOME QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FORMAT, SUCH AS THE IDENTITY OF THE PANELISTS. IF HE ACCEPTS, WE BELIEVE UNDER SECRETARY COOPER SHOULD BEGIN HIS VISIT IN BRAZILIA WITH CALLS ON BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS AND, IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS, INCLUDE OTHER EVENTS UNDER USICA AUSPICES, SUCH AS A DISCUSSION SESSION OVER USICA'S EXECUTIVE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION NETWORK.

4. WE THUS RECOMMEND:

(A) THAT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER RESPOND POSITIVELY, BUT IN A VERY PRELIMINARY WAY, INDICATING THAT HIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT YET PERMIT HIM TO MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT.

(B) THE MISSION KEEP IN TOUCH WITH WILHELM ON THE ORGANIZERS' SUCCESS IN ENLISTING OTHER SENIOR PERSONALITIES AND EXPLORE AN APPROPRIATE FORMAT FOR UNDER SECRETARY COOPER'S PRESENTATION IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT THE UNDER SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION.

5. PURSUANT TO BRASILIA 2852, EMBASSY IS OF COURSE STRONGLY INTERESTED IN A VISIT BY UNDER SECREARY COOPER, EVEN IF THIS SAO PAULO APPEARANCE DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, AND IN EITHER CASE, WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELIEVE THE UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BRAZIL SHOULD HAVE OFFICIAL STATUS.
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